



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Vibe Credit Union for first amendment to a woodland conservation easement being offered as part of JSP21-32, Vibe Credit Union Headquarters Site Maintenance, for property located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Cabaret Drive, in Section 15 of the City.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Community Development, Planning

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The applicant received site plan and revised landscape plan approval to repave an existing parking lot, to create twenty-two new parking spaces, and to significantly change the landscaping of the site. The Planning Commission approved the revised landscape plan on June 8, 2022.

The applicant is offering to amend a Woodland Conservation Easement for the purpose of protecting the remaining woodland and/or woodland replacement trees from destruction and disturbance. Easement areas shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in its natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by the City, and, if applicable, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy, and the appropriate federal agency.

The conservation easement area, shown in Exhibit B of the easement document, graphically depicts the areas being preserved. An existing Woodland Conservation Easement was approved by City Council on July 12, 2021 and covers approximately 0.354 acres. The amended woodland conservation area proposes to cover a total approximately 1.349 acres, which is a net increase of 0.995 acres.

The easement has been reviewed by the City's professional staff and consultants. The easement is in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office for consideration and acceptance by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Vibe Credit Union for first amendment to a woodland conservation easement being offered as part of JSP21-32, Vibe Credit Union Headquarters Site Maintenance, for property located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Cabaret Drive, in Section 15 of the City.